

REMARKS

No claims have been canceled or added in this paper. Claims 1-17 have been amended in this paper. Therefore, claims 1-17 are pending and are under active consideration.

The specification has been amended to delete the third and fifth full paragraphs on page 6, which paragraphs are duplicates of the first and second full paragraphs, respectively, on page 7.

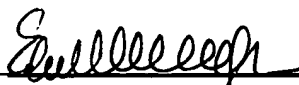
The claims have been amended to eliminate certain multiple dependencies and to eliminate reference numerals.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this paper that are not accounted for, the Examiner is authorized to charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 11-1755. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 that is not accounted for already, such an extension of time is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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